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SUBJ: AIRLINE USE OF JP4 FUEL

1. CONCERN EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL BRITISH AVIATION GROUPS OVER HIGHER RISK FACTOR ASSOCIATED WITH USE BY AIRLINES OF JP4 VICE JP1 FUEL HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN BRITISH NEWS MEDIA OVER PAST FEW DAYS. MOST NEWS REPORTS MENTION THAT SWITCHOVER TO JP 4 IS MOST COMMON AMONG INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS SERVING US AIRPORTS BECAUSE OF SEVERE SHORTAGE IN US OF JP1.

2. PUBLIC SENSITIVITY TOWARD SAFETY DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN JP1 AND JP4 PROBABLY GREATER IN UK THAN ELSEWHERE BECAUSE IT WAS IN UK DURING EARLY 1960'S THAT GOVERNMENT STUDY GROUP CONCLUDED THAT JP4 LESS SAFE *HAN AVIATION KEROSENE (JP1) BECAUSE IT HAD MUCH LOWER FLASHPOINT TEMPERATURE AND BURNED SOMEWHAT MORE RAPIDLY. AS RESULT OF STUDY, UKG RECOMMENDED THAT KEROSENE BE UNCLASSIFIED

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USED IN COMMERCIAL JETS INSTEAD OF JP4. THIS WAS DONE

BY BRITISH AIRLINES AND MOST FOREIGN AIRLINES FOLLOWED
SUIT.

3. BRITISH CARRIERS AND BRITISH AIRLINE PILOTS
ASSOCIATION (BALPA) HAVE RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED SWITCH
TO JP4 BECAUSE THEY CONSIDER THAT PRESENT FUEL
SHORTAGES OFFER THEM NO ALTERNATIVE. HOWEVER, BALPA
HAS RECOMMENDED TO CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (CAA)
THAT TO MINIMIZE JP4 RISKS WHILE AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND
THAT ALL PASSENGERS BE OFF-LOADED DURING REFUELING
PROCESS. PILOTS ARE ALSO ASKING CAA TO URGE BRITISH
AIRLINES TO ABANDON USE OF JP4 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND
TO ACCEPT IT ONLY WHEN NOTHING ELSE IS AVAILABLE.

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